## EQUEST FOR

## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

| Application Number        | 09/887,040     |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Filing Date               | 25 June 2001   |
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| First Named Inventor      | ELBER et al    |
| Group Art Unit            | 2173           |
| Attorney Óocket<br>Number | 01/21686       |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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|  | sion required u  | nder 37                                  | C.F.R. § 1.11  | 4   |   |                            |  |  |  |
| a. 🛛 Previous  | ly submitted   |  |  |   |   |                            |  |  |  |
| i. \(\overline{\Omega}\) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. \(\overline{\S}\) 1.116 previously filed on \(\overline{27}\) December 2004.  (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).   |  |  |  |   |   |                            |  |  |  |
| (Any unent   | tered amendment(s) re  | terred to ab                             | ove will be entered) Anneal Brief  | or Reply Brief  | previously filed on   |                            |  |  |  |
| b. 🗵 Enclose   |  |  | Appear Brief   |   | providuoi,  |                            |  |  |  |
| <b>~.</b> — —  | dment/Reply  |  |  | •   |   |                            |  |  |  |
| ii. □ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  |  |  |  |   |   |                            |  |  |  |
| iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  |  |  |  |   |   |                            |  |  |  |
| iv. 🗵 Other Three (3) Month Extension fee  |  |  |  |   |   |                            |  |  |  |
| v. 🗆 Other   |  |  |  |   |   |                            |  |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Miscellaneous</li> <li>a. □ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)</li> </ul> |  |  |   |   |                            |  |  |  |
| •  | nsion of action on   | the abov                                 | e-identified app   | lication is requ  | ested under 37 C.F.R. §   | 1.103(C)                   |  |  |  |
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| b. 🗆 Other   |  | s. (Penoa o                              | i suspension shall n   | ot exceed 5 months  | s, i ee ander 57 O.3 .14. 3 1.17(1)   | , oqu 50)                  |  |  |  |
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| 3. Fees  | The RCE fee under 37   | ' C.F.R. § 1                             | .17(e) is required by  | 37 C.F.R. § 1.114   | when the RCE is filed.  |                            |  |  |  |
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| Multiple Depender  |  |  | 0 x \$ 180   | \$ 0  | x \$ 360  | \$                         |  |  |  |
| Multiple Depender<br>Claims  | nt   | 26                                       |  |   |   |                            |  |  |  |
| Multiple Depender  |  | 26                                       | 0 x \$ 180<br>26 x \$ 25   | \$ 0<br>\$ 650  | x \$ 360<br>x \$50  | \$                         |  |  |  |
| Multiple Depender<br>Claims<br>Total Claims  | 46 - 20=   | 26                                       | 26 x \$ 25   |   | x \$50  |                            |  |  |  |
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